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Police

Number, nature and disposal of complaints against police officers.

* 86 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number, nature and disposal of complaints against policemen or officers with their names and designations either to the department or to the courts of justice by private individuals in the years 1931 and 1932 till the month of June; and

(*b*) the occasions when judicial officers of the Government have criticized or animadverted on the action of particular police officers and the action which the department or the Government have taken on those officers?

A.—The information is not available. It will take time and involve much labour to collect the information as a large number of officers must be addressed.

Police help to the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam.

* 87 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a posse of thirty reserve constables were stationed in the Udaiyarpalaiyam zamindari for about a fortnight in the month of June last;

(*b*) whether they were going about the villages of the zamindari accompanied by the zamindar's band and the zamindari officials, striking terror into the hearts of the ryots;

(*c*) the reason or reasons which prompted the District Superintendent of Police to extend this kind of help to the zamindar; and

(*d*) whether the zamindar has made any contribution to the Government for this help which they have been pleased to render him, and if so, how much?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) Government have received a report from the District Magistrate of Trichinopoly to the effect that Police assistance was given to the Zamindar of Udayarpalayam in June last during the collection of rents from zamindari tenants, but that no force was used by the Police party. Further information on the points raised has been called for.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know when the police force in this Presidency was transformed into an agency for the collection of the kists of the zamindar?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"There has been no such transformation. In this case the District Collector thought that the zamindar was entitled to police aid and he was given it."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"On what grounds did the District Collector think that the zamindar was entitled to police aid?"